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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dr. Warren Lawson  
Director, Minn. Department of Health  
717 S.E. Delaware Street  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55440

Dear Dr. Lawson:

Subject: Oak Park Village

A letter from Richard L. Wade, Director, Division of Environmental Health expressing concern about the development of Oak Park Village in St. Louis Park was received by this office on 6 December, 1977. In response to those concerns, I offer the following:

It is the understanding of our office that the Minnesota Department of Health was acting in an advisory capacity to the PCA in this matter. The result of numerous meetings and investigations concerning the development of the project in question has not resulted in any request for a delay of development from the PCA.

Further, it is our opinion that no new evidence concerning groundwater contamination has been presented either by a public agency or professional opinion. Engineering studies and environmental assessments by professional consultants have prepared and reviewed at a cost in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. In addition, the City of St. Louis Park has excavated over 50,000 cubic yards of material from the north end of the project site. The project proposer has also extensively modified the original proposal.

The Barr Engineering Report (Phase II) indicates that barrier wells are necessary regardless of excavation efforts. In view of proposed mitigation measures and the amount of evidence presented, HUD views the development of Oak Park Village as separate from the groundwater contamination issue.

During the past year, HUD has examined environmental information prepared especially for the Oak Park Village development in the form of engineering studies, assessments and reviews. Con-

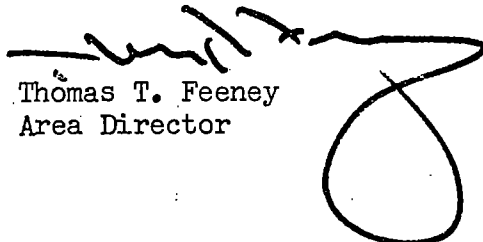
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- infiltration  
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sultations with pertinent local, regional and state agencies and an examination of all relevant data was used in order to determine the feasibility of development as proposed. In view of this comprehensive study of the project, a special clearance was issued in accord with HUD 4010.1 (procedures for environmental clearance). Therefore, our decision stands.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Feeney', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Thomas T. Feeney  
Area Director

cc: Lyle Silka, EPA, Washington

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Rich Bartelt

Water Supply

Don't ask me why  
they keeps sending me  
this stuff, I don't know.

Y  
Lyle

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